Statement

List of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Kendriya Vidyalaya	Sector	District
01.	Hamirpur	Civil	Hamirpur
02.	Nadaun	Civil	Hamirpur
03.	14. GTC Subathu	Defence	Solan
04.	AFS Kasauli	Defence	Solan
05.	Shimla	Civil	Shimla
06.	Jutogh	Defence	Shimla
07.	ITBP Sarhan	Civil	Shimla
08.	Neleti	Civil	Kangra
09.	Dharamshala Cantt	Defence	Kangra
10.	Palampur	Defence	Kangra
11.	Yol Cantt.	Defence	Kangra
12.	Bhanala	Civil	Kangra
13.	Alhilal	Defence	Kangra
14.	Mandi	Civil	Mandi
15.	NHPC Chamera No. 1	Project	Chamba
16.	NHPC Chamera No. 2	Project	Chamba
17.	Dalhousie at Banikhet	Civil	Chamba
18.	Bakloh	Defence	Chamba
19.	NHPC Parbati Project, Sainj	Project	Kullu

Strategy for female literacy

3195. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what strategies Government have adopted to improve female literacy in the country; and

(b) the progress made, as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a National programme for universalisation of elementary education through a time bound integrated approach in partnership with States. There are special interventions under this programme for the girl child. Some of the interventions for education of girl children are:

- Interventions for Early Childhood Care and Education.
- School/EGS like alternative facility to be set up within one kilometer of all habitations.
- Up-gradation of EGS to regular schools.
- Special mainstreaming camps for out-of-school girls/SC/ST children under the Alternative and Innovative Education component.
- Provision of process based community participation with a focus on the participation of women and SC/ST.
- Provision of context specific innovative intervention for girls' education and education of SC/ST children upto Rs. 50.00 lakhs in a district in a particular year in which the ceiling for each intervention is Rs. 15 lakhs.
- Mid-day-meal programme.
- Incentives like uniforms and scholarships to be funded from State Plan only.
- Adequate Teaching Learning Equipment for all Primary and Upper Primary schools.
- At least 50% of the teachers to be appointed have to be women.
- Special teaching support as per need.
- Using Community Teachers.
- Provision of free text books to all girl/SC/ST children at primary and upper primary level with an upper ceiling of Rs. 150/- per child.
- Mahila Samakhya like intervention from the innovation fund is operational in 10 States *Viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Bihar.

National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to non-literates in 15-35 year age group. Major thrust of this programme is on promotion of literacy among women, members belonging to SCs and STs.

(b) As per Census 2001, female literacy has increased by 14.87 percentage points *i.e.* from 39.29% in 1991 to 54.16% in 2001. The gap in male-female literacy has decreased from 24.84 percentage points in 1991 to 21.69 percentage points in 2001.

Implementation of noon meal scheme by Tamil Nadu

3196. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of implementation of nutritious noon meal scheme by the Government of Tamil Nadu, for the last two decades;

(b) whether Central Government would provide financial assistance for this scheme, which is implemented in several States of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir. Tamil Nadu is providing cooked meal to the students of primary classes under the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meal Scheme).

(b) and (c) The Central Government is alredy providing foodgrains, free of cost, to the State implementing agencies and also reimbursing admissible transportation charges based on which they are expected to provide meals to the children. There is no proposal at present to provide additional funds to States/UTs.

Culture and values in education

3197. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether two-thirds of the BE of the scheme to strengthen culture and values in education remained unutilized during the last two years;